



Short course in Vulnerability Risk Assessment (NQF Level 5)

Included in the core training curriculum on Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis by the Southern African Development Community

Purpose and Intended Audience

The University of the Witwatersrand will be running an NQF Level 5-rated certified short course in Vulnerability Risk Assessment aimed at providing government and non-government practitioners with an introduction to the knowledge and skills required to undertake Vulnerability Risk Assessments as required in terms of disaster management legislation, and in light of the need to reduce vulnerability to climate change, disaster risk and food insecurity in southern Africa.

Dates: Monday 24th- Friday 28th May 2010 (5 days)

Times: 09h00-17h00 daily; finishing at 15h30 on Friday

Venue: Sunnyside Park Hotel, Parktown, Johannesburg

Cost: ZAR6,000 per person (including all materials, lunches and teas, **excluding accommodation** which is available at the venue)

Learning Objectives

- Understanding of the theoretical and practical meaning of vulnerability and a range of related terms, such as disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation
- Recognition of the key drivers of vulnerability in southern Africa, and how they have changed over time
- Cognition of the key legislative and policy frameworks relating to vulnerability and disaster risk reduction in various southern African countries, and how they are relevant to participants' work
- Knowledge of key methodologies for undertaking the process and practice of vulnerability risk assessment
- Awareness of data needs and constraints, methods and tools, limitations of the various approaches, and contextualising the results of vulnerability risk assessment

Facilitators and Trainers

Directed by Professor Coleen Vogel of the reVAMP research group in the School of Geography, Archaeology and Environmental Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand, and facilitated by Dr Katharine Vincent and Ms Tracy Cull, with guest lecturers.

Includes field visit to the National Disaster Management Centre.

For more information and to register, visit <http://hermes.wits.ac.za/Enterprise/course/vra.html>

Registrations close on Monday 17th May 2010.